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1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH ACTING FONMIN RENZAHU WHICH TOUCHED ON SHABA II AND PROPOSED PAN-AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE (REFTEL), RENZAHU ASKED ABOUT OUR CURRENT VIEWS OF "MOBUTU PLAN." HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, HE ADDED, IN WHETHER PLAN WOULD CHANNEL DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE INTO THOSE UNSTABLE AREAS OF EASTERN ZAIRE WHERE CIVIL UNREST HAS GENERALLY GONE HAND-IN-HAND WITH ECONOMIC DECLINE.

2. I REPLIED THAT USG CERTAINLY WOULD TAKE PART IN BRUSSELS DISCUSSIONS IN A MOST CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT, BUT ADDED THAT I DOUBTED ANY MAJOR NEW SCHEMES FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD COME OUT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. RATHER, I THOUGHT THEY WOULD FOCUS MORE ON MACRO-ECONOMIC MEANS
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FOR IMPROVING MANAGEMENT OF ZAIRIAN ECONOMY TO MAKE BETTER USE OF PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AID RESOURCES.

3. RENZAHU SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A PITY. HISTORICAL PROBLEMS IN EASTERN ZAIRE WERE CLOSELY RELATED TO ITS NEGLECT BY KINSHASA IN DEVELOPMENTAL TERMS, AND NEW RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY CHanneled INTO EASTERN REGION COULD

HAVE MAJOR IMPACT IN REDUCING SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THOSE AREAS. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, A CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF GREAT LAKES STATES (CEPGL), IN WHICH RWANDA AND BURUNDI RELATE CLOSELY TO ZAIRE'S KIVU REGION, WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTIVE ACT.

4. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM FACT THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT RWANDA, RENZAHU'S OBSERVATION SEEMS TO ME TO MAKE VERY GOOD SENSE. AS WE KNOW, THERE IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE TO FACT THAT ECONOMICALLY NEGLECTED EASTERN ZAIRE HAS BEEN SCENE OF THAT COUNTRY'S MOST SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS SINCE INDEPENDENCE. CEPGL REPRESENTS A SENSIBLE REGIONAL EFFORT TO ADDRESS THOSE VERY PROBLEMS, IN A COHERENT SOCIO-GEOGRAPHIC FRAMEWORK, BUT THE ORGANIZATION IS IMPOVERISHED AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE HELP. AS WE ATTEMPT TO MAKE MEANINGFUL OUR RHETORIC ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE SERIOUS LOOK AT CEPGL AS POSSIBLE MEANS OF STRENGTHENING STABILITY IN THAT REGION. BRUSSELS MEETING MIGHT BE A GOOD OCCASION TO DO SO.
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